

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 2995.

This bill will increase from \$250,000 to \$550,000 the value of property acquired by the California Tahoe Conservancy that is exempt from review under the Property Acquisition Law (PAL). This bill also will require the Conservancy to take any necessary management actions for its properties, including adopting and enforcing regulations governing the use of the properties.

In general, I support state agencies following the PAL in order to ensure that the state does not take on unanticipated liabilities when acquiring new property. However, the California Tahoe Conservancy is uniquely challenged among state conservancies because of the unique geographical attributes of the basin and the high real estate values. Recognizing this fact, current statute has provided the Conservancy with an exemption from the PAL for properties costing less than \$250,000 since 1984. By increasing the Conservancy's exemption this bill restores the buying power that the Conservancy's had since that time. During the twenty-two years this exemption has been in place, the Conservancy has been very judicious in its use of this provision and not exposed the state to unnecessary financial liability.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger